

Minutes of National Nutrition Cluster
Zoom Online Meeting
Date: 3 April 2020

Agendas

1. Scenario setting of the meeting (welcome and agenda description)
2. Situation update and progress of nutrition cluster
3. Updates from BCC working group
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5. Discussion on the further strategy to reach out to the community with the guidance notes.
6. Ongoing RUTF estimates and procurement status.
7. Discussion on Monsoon preparedness and contingency planning process
8. AOB (agency updates if any and information management)

Agenda items	Discussion/interactions	Action points
1. Scenario setting of the meeting (welcome and agenda description)	Mr. Kedar Parajuli, Chief of Nutrition Section of FWD also the lead of nutrition cluster welcome to all meeting participants and started the meeting with the announcement of above agenda. He also highlighted about the meeting procedure and provided his inputs in all agenda during the discussion of each agenda.	
2. Situation update and progress from three TWG (IYCF, IMAM and BCC)	Mr. Anirudra Sharma, Nutrition Specialist of UNICEF and Nutrition cluster co-lead brief about the global and national covid-19 situation and progress/performance of nutrition cluster of Nepal as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four meetings were organized of nutrition cluster including several meetings of different TWG. • Prepared final draft of interim guidance notes for IFE and IMAM considering Covid-29. • Monitoring onsite supplies up to health facility level for the management of Severe Acute Malnutrition and micro-nutrients for children and women. • Covid-19 contingency plan has been developed and submitted to MoHA. 	Nutrition cluster need to prepare a Covid response plan with budget based on the contingency plan which was submitted to MoHA and implementation of guidance note and BCC messages. The plan will be prepared and proposed to next cluster meeting, 10 April 2020 by contingency planning working group.
3. Updates from BCC working group	Ms. Sanju Bhattarai, UNICEF and Ms. Sabina Hora, HKI briefed about the progress of BCC TWG on nutrition messaging regarding Prevention of Covid-19.	BCC TWG will finalize nutrition messages in both English and Nepal by Wednesday next week, 8 April 2020 and submit to Nutrition cluster lead and co-lead to endorse by Friday next week, 10 April 2020. The messages will be prepared and disseminated through info-graphic, videography and based on localization as well.

<p>4. Endorsement of IFE and IMAM guidance note from the cluster</p>	<p>Ms. Bhim Kumari Pun, SUA AHARA II presented final draft of IFE guidance note on behalf of IFE technical working group and Mr. Sujay Bhattacharya from ACF presented the final draft of interim guidance note of IMAM programme on behalf of IMAM TWG.</p>	<p>The guidance notes are already endorsed from nutrition cluster and agreed to refine more and disseminate after the endorsement of Department of Health Services. For this action, nutrition cluster lead Mr. Kedar Parajuli will initiate the process from Family Welfare Division of DoHS/MoHP.</p>
<p>5. Ongoing RUTF estimates and procurement status.</p>	<p>UNICEF has been tracking the status of RUTF from OTC, District warehouse and provincial warehouses. Ms. Anju Adhikari, UNICEF presented current status of RUTF stock and estimates for next one year. In many OTCs, due to the lack of transportation services, RUTF is out of stock.</p>	<p>UNICEF started procurement of RUTF 2,000 cartons; and UNICEF will support transportation cost through UNICEF FOs for the transportation of RUTF from provincial warehouses up to the local government of programme districts.</p>
<p>6. Discussion on Monsoon preparedness and contingency planning process</p>	<p>Nutrition cluster need to revise the Monsoon contingency plan for nutrition response in flood emergencies. There might be two emergencies in country as; Covid-19 and monsoon flood.</p>	<p>The contingency planning technical working group will meet next week and start to develop contingency plan for monsoon preparedness and response. The outline will be presented in next nutrition cluster meeting.</p>
<p>7. Monitoring of ongoing nutrition response to monitor the nutrition services</p>	<p>In order to monitored nutrition services in Covid-19 context, a working group has been formed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Bhim Pun from SUA AHARA. 2. Ms. Sanju from UNICEF 3. Ms. Sujay Nepali Bhattacharya from Action against Hunger 4. Ms. Anju Adhikari from FWD/UNICEF 5. Ms. Sangeeta Poudyal from WFP 6. Dr. Maureen Dariang, NHSSP 7. Ms. Sangeeta Poudyal, WFP will be leading the group and will be leading the group. 	<p>The Working group will develop a guideline with monitoring process and indicators and propose in next nutrition cluster meeting, 10 April 2020.</p>
<p>8. Next cluster meeting</p>	<p>The next cluster meeting will be held on Friday, 10 April 2020 from 11:00 to 13:00 PM through zoom link</p>	

List of Participants in the meeting:

1. Mr. Kedar Raj Parajuli, Chief of Nutrition Section of FWD/DOHS/MoHP – Nutrition cluster lead
2. Ms. Kalpana Pandey, FWD/DOHS/MoHP
3. Ms. Karan Courtney Haag, Chief, Nutrition Section, UNICEF
4. Mr. Anirudra Sharma, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF – Nutrition cluster co-lead
5. Ms. Sanju Bhattarai, Communication Specialist, UNICEF

6. Mr. Debendra Adhikari, nutrition Specialist, USAID
7. Ms. Dale Davis, Country Representative, HKI
8. Ms. Pooja Pandey Rana, Deputy Chief of the Party, Suahaara II
9. Mr. Anteneh Grima, Nutrition Advisor, WFP
10. Ms. Bhim Kumari Pun, Senior Manager, Suahaara II
11. Mr. Naveen Paudel, Nutrition officer, UNICEF
12. Ms. Anju Adhikari, Nutrition officer, UNICEF/FWD
13. Mr. Indra Bhujel, Governance Expert, UNICEF
14. Ms. Sangeeta Paudel, Nutrition officer, WFP
15. Mr. Santosh Acharya, Programme Officer, UN Women
16. Mr. Jeevan Ghimire, Health policy Officer, DFID
17. Dr. Krishna Bista, Chairperson, Nepal Pediatric Society
18. Ms. Dale Davis, Country Representative, HKI
19. Ms. Sabina Hora, Nutrition and IEC Experts
20. Raj Nandan Mandal, Nutrition Advisor, Suahaara II
21. Mr. Sujay Nepali Bhattacharya, Head of Health and Nutrition department, ACF
22. Mr. Binod Kumar Aryal, Senior programme Manager, GHAN
23. Ms. Abhilasha Gurung, World Vision International
24. Mr. Ngima T. Sherpa, Chairperson, HHES
25. Dr. Sangita Khatri, Health Advisor, Save The Children International
26. Dr. Maureen Dariang, Lead Advisor, NHSSP
27. Ms. Nisha Singh, Knowledge Management Officer, Aasman Nepal
28. Mr Dhiraj Karki, NTAG
29. Mr K.P Lamsal, Suahaara II
30. Mr. Phulgendra Prasad Singh, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
31. Ms Sumi Maskey, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
32. Ms. Dibya Manandhar Rijal, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
33. Prakash Joshi, Nutrition Officer UNICEF
34. Ms Bindu Panthi, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF